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Dear Sir:

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This is a reply to the Office Action mailed December 12, 2005 setting a three (3) month statutory period for response. A Petition for a one (1) month extension of time and the requisite fee are provided herewith. Please enter the following amendments and remarks into the record.

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